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CERT-In

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Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

Will the Minister of Electronics & Information Technology be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government has asked all digital payment agencies to report to CERT-In (Computer Emergency Response Team) regarding any unusual activity that they see on their platforms and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government is undertaking a massive programme to create awareness among administrators, judges etc. and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether to strengthen cyber security, the Government has approved various new posts in CERT-In and State CERTs; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof

Answer

(a): All organisations providing digital payment services have been mandated to report cyber security incidents expeditiously to Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In), a statutory body under IT Act, 2000.

(b): Government is undertaking following initiatives to create awareness among administrators, judges etc. namely:-

(i) Government has set up cyber forensic training and investigation labs in the States of Kerala, Assam, Mizoram, Nagaland, Arunachal Pradesh, Tripura, Meghalaya, Manipur and Jammu & Kashmir for training of law enforcement personnel and Judiciary in these States.

(ii) Industry associations such as Data Security Council of India (DSCI), NASSCOM, Cyber Forensic Labs, set up in certain States, have taken up tasks of awareness creation and training programmes on Cyber Crime investigation. Academia like National Law School, Bangalore and NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad are also engaged in conducting several awareness and training programmes on Cyber Laws and Cyber crimes for judicial officers.

(iii) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology is implementing "Information Security Education and Awareness (ISEA)" project to train professionals / government officials and create mass information security awareness among citizens. The Project is implemented by 52 institutions across the country. 20,369 persons had either been trained or were undergoing training in various formal/non-formal courses focusing on Cyber Security till 2016. Through direct training programs 3,718 Government personnel have been trained. So far, C-DAC Hyderabad has conducted 458 Awareness workshops for various user groups covering 51,225 participants from 24 States and 2 UTs including 7,559 participants from Central/State Government and police.

(iv) CERT-In and Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC) are involved in providing basic and advanced training to law enforcement agencies, Forensic labs and judiciary on the procedures and methodology of collecting, analysing and presenting digital evidence.

(v) CERT-In is conducting cyber security trainings for IT / cyber security professionals including Chief Information Security Officers (CISOs) of Government and critical sector organisations. 18 such training programs were conducted covering 580 participants during the year 2016. In addition a workshop on security of digital payments systems has been conducted for stakeholder organisations covering 110 participants.

(c) and (d): To strengthen cyber security, during the period from April, 2014 to March, 2017, the following numbers of posts in CERT-In, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) have been created/revived/ transferred with the approval of Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure, namely:-

i. Department of expenditure vide I.D. No. 291642/E.Coord. 1 (2)/2016 dated 15.11.2016 has created 20 S&T posts for Cyber Swachhta Kendra, a project under CERT-In.

ii. Department of Expenditure vide I.D. No. 312896/E.Coord.I/2016 dated 19.12.2016 has created 65 S&T and Non-S&T posts for National Cyber Coordination Centre under CERT-In.

iii. 26 numbers of S&T and Non-S&T posts for CERT-In have been revived in 2016.

iv. 8 numbers of S&T posts for CERT-In have been revived in 2016.

v. Beside above 22 S&T posts have been/being transferred by MeitY to CERT-In in phased manner. These were created for CERT-In activities in the year 2006 while CERT-In was a project of the then Department of Electronics and Information Technology.
